

# Media Information



**Columbus Division of Police**  
**Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit**

**Date: 5/24/2020**

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**Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide**

**Date: 5/23/20**

**Time: 8:50PM**

**Location of Offense/Incident: 2497 Azelda St.**

**Zone: 4**

**Precinct: 2**

**Incident Report #: 200369811**

**Cruiser District: 20**

**Victim: Fabian Maldando-Cortez**

**Sex: Male**

**Race: Hisp**

**Age: 7**

**Victim:**

**Sex:**

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**Age:**

**Suspect: Oneida Maldando-Cortez**

**Address: 2497 Azelda St.**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File**

**Sex: Female**

**Race: Hisp**

**Age: 24**

**Charges: Murder**

**Suspect: Jose Emanuel Santos**

**Address: 2497 Azelda St.**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File**

**Sex: Male**

**Race: Hisp**

**Age: 37**

**Charges: Endangering Children (F-3)**

**Incident Summary:** On Saturday May 23, 2020, at approximately 8:18pm, Columbus Police Officers were dispatched to 2497 Azelda St. on a report of a child who had drown. The first responding officers found Fabian Maldonado-Cortez unresponsive administered CPR until Columbus Fire Medics arrived. Fabian was transported to Children's Hospital by CFD Medic 16 in critical condition where he was pronounced deceased by attending physicians at 9:50pm. The investigation revealed that Fabian had been subjected to severe abuse which lead to his death. Fabian's mother, Ms. Oneida Maldonado-Cortez, was charged with Fabian's murder. Fabian's step-father, Ms. Jose Emanuel Santos, was charged with Endangering Children (F-3).

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS. This is the 38th Homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200369811. Detective Scott Polgar is the lead detective on the case being assisted by Detective Michael Darren Egelhoff.

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